

Department of Pesticide Regulation
California School IPM Program
Update on Accomplishments and Future Plans
(July 2005–June 2006)

You can view previous updates to the School IPM Advisory Group on our School IPM Web site (www.schoolipm.info). Click [here](#) to view these updates.

1. Accomplishments (July 2005—December 2005)

Training

- During this six month period, the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) conducted two regional school integrated pest management (IPM) training workshops for school district IPM coordinators (see table below). Michael Baefsky taught landscape IPM at all locations; Ingrid Carmean taught structural IPM. From 2002 to the present, DPR has conducted 15 regional training workshops and trained 541 people from 435 of the state's approximately 1,000 school districts.

Date (2005)	Location	City	County
July 13	Eureka Senior High School	Eureka	Humboldt
October 24	Rocklin High School	Rocklin	Placer

- Staff continued work on a DPR Pest Information Series fact sheet on rats and mice. Click [here](#) and look under "Pest Prevention and Management," then "Resources" to view all the completed fact sheets.
- DPR, in cooperation with University of California (UC) Statewide IPM Program, continued work on the remaining school IPM DVD training modules—on weeds, cockroaches, and IPM. These DVD training modules are modeled after a successful UC Master Gardener pilot project and are intended to supplement the training workshops by providing IPM coordinators with an additional tool to use for their local training efforts.

Survey

- DPR conducted its third survey in 2004; the contractors and DPR staff are completing the final report.

Outreach

DPR staff:

- Updated the following documents, distributed them to IPM coordinators and others, and posted them to our school IPM home page.
 - [How IPM Can Help Schools](#)
 - [The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Sent school districts and others "Fight the Bite" handouts on mosquito control and safe pesticide use that DPR developed in cooperation with the State Department of Health Services and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

- Sent additional information to IPM coordinators and others each month about its school IPM program resources and topics related to IPM.
- Made five presentations and responded to numerous questions and requests for information from school districts and other stakeholders.
- Continued work on a poster that reminds teachers not to use pesticides in classrooms and shows them what they can do to prevent pests.
- Continued work on a calendar of IPM activities for IPM coordinators that will highlight preventive practices, monitoring, and other IPM activities to consider each month.
- Published the articles shown below.
 - Simmons, S. June 2005. [*Pest Prevention Facility Design*](#). Coalition for Adequate School Housing's CASH Register 26(6): 4, 8-9.
 - Simmons, S. July/August 2005. [*Pest Prevention Construction Guidelines and Practices*](#). California Association of School Business Officials' Journal of School Business Management 70(4): 10-16.
 - Department of Pesticide Regulation. September 2005. [*Don't Grow Your Own Mosquitoes!*](#) Coalition for Adequate School Housing's CASH Register 26(9): 11.
 - Geiger, C. and D. Tootelian. October – December 2005. [*Healthy Schools Act spurs integrated pest management in California public schools*](#). California Agriculture 59(4): 235-241.

Other

- DPR collects pesticide use information from licensed pest control businesses. Staff has completed a temporary database in which information can be stored. However, entering and analyzing the data are on hold.

2. Future Plans (January 2006—June 2006)

Training

DPR plans to conduct two regional school IPM training workshops statewide as shown in the table below—specific dates and locations to be determined. Each workshop can accommodate up to 40 participants. At each workshop, a local University of California (UC) representative will speak about the principles of IPM and the resources available through the UC. County Agricultural Commissioners will discuss enforcement issues related to school IPM and the Healthy Schools Act. Trainers include Michael Baefsky for landscape IPM and Ingrid Carmean for structural IPM.

Date (2006)	Location
April 10	Fresno
June 16	Cloverdale

- Staff plans to develop district-level training workshops for IPM coordinators and regional seminars for school district decision makers. As DPR formalizes these plans, you will be given the opportunity to comment.

- DPR staff plans to finish a DPR Pest Information Series fact sheet on rats and mice, and one on turf weeds.
- DPR, in cooperation with UC IPM, plans to complete its interactive school IPM DVD training modules on weeds, cockroaches and IPM.

Survey

- The 2004 survey report results will be distributed to all school districts and others, and will be posted to the School IPM Web site in early 2006.

Outreach

DPR staff plans to:

- Produce a poster that reminds teachers not to use pesticides in classrooms and shows them what they can do to prevent pests.
- Continue working on a calendar of IPM activities for IPM coordinators that will highlight preventive practices, monitoring, and other IPM activities to consider each month.
- Give presentations and respond to questions and requests for information from school districts and other stakeholders.

Other

- Assembly Bill 405, to take effect on January 1, 2006, prohibits the use of certain pesticide products on school sites. DPR's staff plan to develop a list of registered pesticide products prohibited for use and to make the list available through a link in DPR's School IPM Web site. This bill was authored by Assembly Member Montanez and sponsored by California Safe Schools. For a copy of Assembly Bill 405, go to www.assembly.ca.gov. Click on "Legislation" and select the 2005-2006 session. Type the bill number "405," and click "Search." Click on the chaptered version.
- DPR plans to continue collecting pesticide use information from licensed pest control businesses. However, entering and analyzing the data are on hold.

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